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1. SUMMARY. MEETING JAN 7 BETWEEN MALAYSIAN DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL MAPPING AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON CHANGES IN TEXT OF DRAFT DEFENSE MAPPING AGREEMENT, REQUESTS FROM THE MALAYSIAN SIDE TO FORMALLY DETAIL US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN APPENDIX II OF THE AGREEMENT, AND AN INVITATION FOR DMA OFFICIALS TO INSPECT SURVEY DEPARTMENT MAPPING AND PRINTING FACILITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DEFATT COL. EWAN AND POLOFF BENNETT MET WITH DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL MAPPING PAUL FOO AND ASST DIR GENERAL OF SURVEYS (NATIONAL MAPPING) LEONG YIP SUN AT THE SURVEY DEPT JAN 7. WITH REGARD TO DRAFT DEFENSE MAPPING AGREEMENT (SEE K.L. A-16, FEB 19, 1976, AND SUBSEQUENT), FOO AGREED
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TO DROPPING WORDS "OR THIRD PARTY" FROM PARA 1, ART. III (WHICH HE SAID HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN INSERTED BY US SIDE). HE ALSO AGREED TO ADDING MODIFIED LANGUAGE FROM UK-MALAYSIAN MAPPING AGREEMENT (PARA 2.C REF A) TO PARA 1, ART. III. IF THIS ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON, THEN MAIN BODY OF AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED.

3. IN LENGTHY AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION, FOO AND LEONG WERE QUITE CANDID IN STATING THAT THEY FELT MAP EXCHANGE DETAILED IN APPENDIX I FAVORED THE U.S. FURTHERMORE, THEY SHOWED SOME APPREHENSION THAT USG MIGHT INVOKE PARA 8, ART II (WHICH MAKES COOPERATION "SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS") AND RENEGE ON PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. FOO PROPOSED, THEREFORE, THAT APPENDIX II BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE USG WOULD PROVIDE. HE AND LEONG MENTIONED:

(A) ASSISTANCE WITH CONVERSION OF EXISTING CHARTS TO METRIC SYSTEM (MALAYSIA IS CARRYING OUT PHASED CHANGEOVER);

(B) TRAINING IN AUTOMATED CARTOGRAPHY AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY (FOO SAID DEPT COULD RELEASE NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE PEOPLE ANNUALLY AND GUESSED HE WAS TALKING ABOUT 10 TO 15 TOTAL OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD);

(C) PROVISION OF US DOPPLER GEODETIC TEAM;

(D) PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR AERIAL MAPPING (WITH DOPPLER OR INERTIAL GUIDANCE INSTRUMENTATION);

(E) PROVISION OF OTHER UNSPECIFIED MAPPING AND MAP-PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT.

4. THE MALAYSIANS WERE TOLD THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REFLECTED THE CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE USG, WHICH THEY SEEMED TO ACCEPT. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT WHILE THE EMBASSY WAS NOT AUTHORIZED OR COMPETENT TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE IN DETAIL, IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT FUNDS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE FOUND TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT ON A GRANT BASIS. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WOULD CONVEY DNM'S REQUESTS TO THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) AND THEY COULD BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH DMA'S CHARLES ANDREGG BOTH IN BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR. FOO VOLUNTEERED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANDREGG TO SEE THE SURVEY AND NATIONAL MAPPING DEPT FACILITIES. HE ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR DMALO BANGKOK WILLIAM WAPLES AND COL. EWAN TO ACCOMPANY ANDREGG. (MESSAGE ON HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS SENT SEPTTEL BY DAO.)

5. ACTION: PLEASE ENSURE ANDREGG AWARE OF ABOVE BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR BANGKOK. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH HIM WHEN HE IS IN KUALA LUMPUR. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INSTRUCTIONS WASHINGTON MAY HAVE AS RESULT FOO'S PROPOSAL BY CABLE. UNDERHILL

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